

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: MIDAMERICAN ENERGY COMPANY	DOCKET NO. RPU-2013-0004 (TF-2013-0094, TF-2013-0095, RN-2013-0002, WRU-2013-0012-0156)
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**ORDER DOCKETING TARIFF, ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE,
AND REQUIRING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

(Issued June 7, 2013)

On May 17, 2013, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) proposed electric tariffs, identified as TF-2013-0094 and TF-2013-0095. In TF-2013-0094, MidAmerican proposed a temporary annual increase in its Iowa retail electric revenue of approximately \$45.2 million. In TF-2013-0095, MidAmerican proposed a permanent annual increase in its Iowa retail electric revenue of approximately \$135.6 million to be phased in over three years, with the first \$45.2 million increase proposed to be effective on August 15, 2013, which is the 90-day deadline for the Board's decision on temporary rates. MidAmerican, in final rates, proposed another \$45.2 million increase to be effective on January 1, 2015, and a third and final \$45.2 million increase to be effective on January 1, 2016.

MidAmerican's rate case filing also includes a proposed ten-year rate equalization plan to balance rates in MidAmerican's three pricing zones, which resulted from past acquisitions and mergers. MidAmerican's proposed consolidation

of rates in the three pricing zones would begin in 2014. While the consolidation proposal is revenue neutral to MidAmerican, impacts on individual customers would vary depending on their customer class and pricing zone. Also as part of its rate filing, MidAmerican asked to implement two automatic adjustment clauses to cover certain costs associated with energy production and transmission of electricity.

On June 4, 2013, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate) filed an objection and request for docketing. Consumer Advocate noted that MidAmerican's filing raised complex revenue requirement and rate design issues that will require a thorough investigation. Consumer Advocate said that additional time is required for Consumer Advocate to complete a thorough investigation and that the filing should be docketed for investigation and a procedural schedule established.

MidAmerican's filing substantially complies with the Board's filing requirements in 199 IAC 26. To allow the Board and other parties time to fully consider the proposed increase, the proposed temporary and permanent tariffs (TF-2013-0094 and TF-2013-0095) will be docketed as a formal contested case proceeding, identified as Docket No. RPU-2013-0004, and a procedural schedule will be established.

Pursuant to 199 IAC 7.7(16), the Board previously scheduled eight consumer comment hearings in Docket No. RN-2013-0002; the dates, times, and locations were included in the customer's notice of the proposed rate increase provided by

MidAmerican. The consumer comment hearings provide an opportunity for MidAmerican's customers to express their views regarding the pending rate case, as well as any general quality of service provided by MidAmerican. However, persons with specific service complaints must follow the complaint procedure prescribed in 199 IAC 6.2. Individual service complaints cannot be addressed at the consumer comment hearings. For convenience, the Board will include the consumer comment hearing schedule in this order.

In addition to the consumer comment hearings, MidAmerican's customers may file written comments regarding MidAmerican's rate proposal by using the electronic comment form at iub.iowa.gov. Written comments may also be mailed to Customer Service, Iowa Utilities Board, 1375 E. Court Avenue, Room 69, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0069.

Also on May 17, 2013, MidAmerican filed a request for waiver of, among other things, any of the filing requirements set forth in the Board's rules that are not required by statute or another law. (MidAmerican Waiver Request, Docket No. WRU-2013-0012-0156, p. 8). MidAmerican's request does not specify any particular filing requirements it wants waived, so the Board is unable to rule on the request. Any requests for waiver must specify the rule or requirement for which a waiver is sought.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. An investigation is instituted to determine the reasonableness of MidAmerican Energy Company's proposed temporary and permanent electric tariffs

filed on May 17, 2013. This matter will be identified as Docket No. RPU-2013-0004, a formal contested case proceeding. Tariff filings TF-2013-0094 and TF-2013-0095 are suspended. The expenses reasonably attributable to this investigation shall be assessed to MidAmerican in accordance with Iowa Code § 476.10.

2. Consumer comment hearings shall be held at the following locations for the purpose of receiving public comments from the general public concerning the proposed rate increase. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive service or devices to observe or participate in a consumer comment hearing should contact the Board at (515) 725-7334 at least five days in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

a. Thursday, June 13, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at the Iowa City Public Library, Room A, 123 S. Linn Street, Iowa City.

b. Monday, June 17, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at the Iowa Utilities Board, Hearing Room, 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines.

c. Tuesday, June 18, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at the King's Pointe Resort, Rooms A and B, 1520 E. Lakeshore Drive, Storm Lake.

d. Monday, June 24, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at the Council Bluffs Public Library, Room B, 400 Willow Avenue, Council Bluffs.

e. Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at the Stark Student Center, Clare Room, Briar Cliff University, 3303 Rebecca Street, Sioux City.

f. Wednesday, June 26, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at the Modern Woodmen Park, 3rd Floor Suite Level, 209 S. Gaines Street, Davenport.

g. Thursday, June 27, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at the Petersen Town Hall, Waterloo Center for the Arts, 225 Commercial Street, Waterloo.

h. Tuesday, July 2, 2013, at 5:30 p.m., at the Best Western Starlite Village Inn and Suites, 1518 3rd Avenue NW, Fort Dodge.

3. The following procedural schedule is established:

a. The parties shall notify the Board prior to September 5, 2013, if they desire a prehearing conference.

b. The Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice and any intervenors shall file prepared direct testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before September 10, 2013. If a party references a data request in its prepared testimony, the data request shall be filed as an exhibit.

c. If Consumer Advocate and any intervenors find it necessary to file testimony in rebuttal to each other's direct testimony, they may file rebuttal testimony on or before October 1, 2013.

d. MidAmerican shall file its rebuttal testimony, with underlying workpapers and exhibits, on or before October 22, 2013.

e. Consumer Advocate and any intervenor shall file rebuttal testimony on any of the issues raised initially in that party's direct testimony and responded to by another party on or before November 1, 2013.

f. The parties shall file a joint statement of the issues on or before November 5, 2013.

g. All parties that choose to file a prehearing brief may do so on or before November 8, 2013.

h. A hearing shall be held beginning at 9 a.m. on December 2, 2013, for the purpose of receiving testimony and the cross-examination of all testimony. The hearing shall be held in the Board's Hearing Room, 1375 E. Court Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. The parties shall appear one-half hour prior to the time of the hearing for the purpose of marking exhibits. Persons with disabilities requiring assistive services or devices to observe or participate should contact the Board at (515) 725-7334 at least five days in advance of the scheduled date to request that appropriate arrangements be made.

i. The parties may file simultaneous initial briefs on or before December 23, 2013.

j. All parties who filed initial briefs may file reply briefs on or before January 13, 2014.

4. In the absence of objection, all underlying workpapers shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings at the time the related testimony and exhibits are entered into the record.

5. In the absence of objection, all data requests and responses referred to in oral testimony or on cross-examination which have not been previously filed shall become a part of the evidentiary record of these proceedings. The party making reference to the data request shall file the data request and response with the Board at the earliest possible time.

6. In the absence of objection, when the Board has called for further evidence on any issue and the evidence is filed after the close of the hearing, the evidentiary record will be reopened and the evidence will become part of the record five days after the evidence is filed with the Board. All evidence filed pursuant to this paragraph shall be filed no later than seven days after the close of the hearing in this proceeding.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Elizabeth S. Jacobs

/s/ Swati A. Dandekar

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad
Executive Secretary

/s/ Nick Wagner

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 7th day of June 2013.